

MARCH 31: Please note updated demolition dates below.

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I-635 closures begin tonight for Shawnee Drive bridge demolition in Wyandotte County

Bridge deck demolition is scheduled for the Shawnee Drive bridge over I-635 beginning tonight, Friday, March 31, in Wyandotte County, weather permitting.

This demolition is part of a Kansas Department of Transportation project that includes bridge deck replacement, bridge approach repair and bridge painting.

Bridge deck demolition will require full closure of a segment of northbound and southbound I-635 at Shawnee Drive from 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, to 5 a.m. Monday, April 3.

Single lane closures on northbound and southbound I-635 at Shawnee Drive will begin at 7 p.m. tonight and the roadway will be fully closed at 9 p.m. During demolition, I-635/Shawnee Drive entrance ramps will be closed to traffic entering from Shawnee Drive and I-635/Shawnee Drive exit ramps will remain open. I-635 will be reopened at, or before, 5 a.m. Monday, April 3.

Temporary detours during demolition will be marked. I-635 traffic will be detoured to Shawnee Drive exit ramps and directed back to I-635 using Shawnee Drive entrance ramps.

Once demolition is completed, and for the duration of the project, all adjacent I-635 ramps will remain open to traffic. Short-term overnight lane closures will be scheduled, as necessary, on northbound and southbound I-635.

Detours for Shawnee Drive are marked directing traffic toward Merriam Lane and Metropolitan Avenue. I-635 entrance and exit ramps at Merriam Lane and Metropolitan Avenue are marked as turnarounds for Shawnee Drive motorists wanting to travel to the opposite side of the Shawnee Drive bridge.

Traffic control signs, devices and message boards will be used to direct traffic through the project work zone and project detours.

Miles Excavating, of Basehor, is the contractor for the \$2.7 million project. The Shawnee Drive bridge is scheduled to reopen to traffic in September and the project is expected to be completed in November.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

Map below shows closures and temporary detours.

